



White House VISITOR CENTER

1450 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Happy Birthday, National Park Service!

Since the establishment of the National Park Service in 1916, our national parks have grown to occupy a special place in the hearts of the American people. Parks remind us to take a break from the busy pace of modern society and experience the simpler pleasures of life and provide the many unique opportunities for personal recreation.

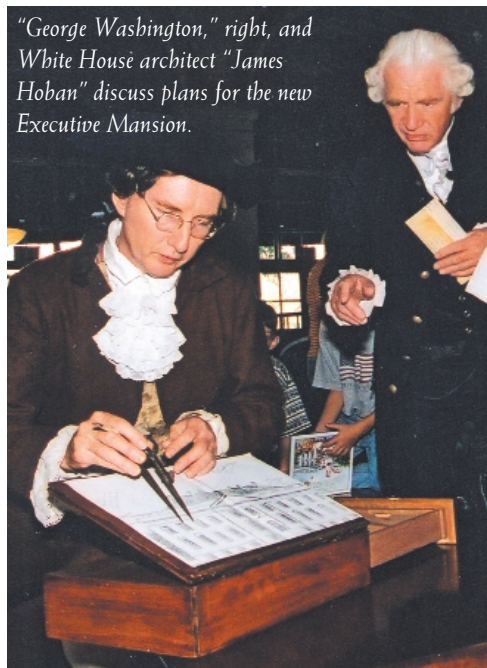
While visiting President's Park, visitors can gain a deeper understanding of our nation's history and the extraordinary people who paved the way for our progress. Celebrate the National Park Service's 87th birthday on August 25 with a wish for continued success in preserving our parklands so all can "Experience your America."



"...to promote and regulate the use of the...national parks...which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

-Mission of National Park Service

"George Washington," right, and White House architect "James Hoban" discuss plans for the new Executive Mansion.



WHITE HOUSE *Living History*

The people and events that shaped the character of our nation come alive at the White House Visitor Center each month. Master actors and actresses recreate the lives of presidents and patriots, past and present, sending audiences on a 45-minute trip through the pages of our nation's history.

These inspiring programs are presented at the White House Visitor Center, 1450 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Performances are FREE and are presented at 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Families and school groups are invited to attend.

Upcoming programs include: Benjamin Franklin, July 10; First Ladies, August 14; and Young Thomas Jefferson, September 11.

White House Living History programs are sponsored by the National Park Service and the White House Historical Association.



Andrew Jackson Statue

In 1853, a statue of Andrew Jackson was unveiled in the center of Lafayette Park. This is the first equestrian statue ever produced in the United States. The monument portrays Jackson as he appeared while reviewing his troops at the Battle of New Orleans on January 8, 1815. The statue faces west and the heads of Jackson and his charger turn slightly towards the White House. Grouped around the base are four of the cannons captured from the Spanish by Jackson at Pensacola, Florida.

The statue is about nine feet high and twelve feet wide. The sculptor, Clark Mills, was self-taught and had never seen an equestrian statue when he was commissioned by the Jackson Memorial Committee. He erected a studio and furnace near the park in 1849. The entire work was cast in ten pieces, four of the horse and six of Jackson, for a total of 15 tons of bronze.

President Millard Fillmore and his entire cabinet were present for the dedication on January 8, 1853, the thirty-eighth anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans.

JULY

DAILY, JULY 1 – 5

"Washington's Washington – Discover how a dismal swampy lowland developed into the beautiful parkland which today includes the White House. *Programs at 10 a.m. and 12 noon.*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

Documentary Day – "Echoes from the White House" – This one-hour film shows the history of the previous occupants of the White House. *Screening at 11:30 a.m.*

SATURDAY, JULY 5

"Air Force One" – A 50-minute video documents the history of Presidential flight. *Screening at 1 p.m. Repeated on July 19*

DAILY, JULY 8, 9, 11, 12

"Explore President's Park" – Take a walking tour with a Park Ranger and discover the many monuments and statues around President's Park. *Free presentations at 10 a.m. and 12 noon.*

THURSDAY, JULY 10

Living History Program – What better way to celebrate our nation's 227th birthday than meeting "Benjamin Franklin," one of our most fascinating Founding Fathers? *Free presentations at 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.*

DAILY, JULY 15 – 19

"Crazy or Not..." – Join a Park Ranger and hear about First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln. Is her life a story of tragedy? *Programs at 10 a.m. and 12 noon.*

DAILY, JULY 21 – 25

"Give 'em Hell, Harry!" – Learn about a little known, but gutsy Vice President from Missouri, who very unexpectedly became President on April 12, 1945. *Programs at 10 a.m. and 12 noon.*



DAILY, JULY 28 – 31

"Wedding Bells at the White House" – Join a Park Ranger and discuss the happiest occasions at the White House – weddings! *Programs at 10 a.m. and 12 noon.*



Boy Scout Memorial

AUGUST

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

"Wedding Bells at the White House" – Join a Park Ranger and discuss the happiest occasions at the White House – weddings! *Programs at 10 a.m. and 12 noon.*

DAILY, AUGUST 4 – 7

"Presidential Assassination Attempts" – Join a Park Ranger and discover the aftermath of attacks on the lives of several Presidents. *Programs at 10 a.m. and 12 noon.*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

Documentary Day – "Presidential Limousines" – This one-hour film shows our President's routes of travel around the Capital during the last century. *Screening at 11:30 a.m.*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

"Air Force One" – A 50-minute video documents the history of Presidential flight. *Screening at 1 p.m. Repeated on August 23.*

DAILY, AUGUST 12, 13, 15, 16

"The Most Demanding, Unpaid, Unelected Job in America" – Learn about the changing roles of the First Lady in the life of our nation. *Free presentations at 10 a.m. and 12 noon.*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

Living History Program – Through historic reenactment, you too can learn from our many colorful and influential former First Ladies. *Free presentations at 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.*



Abigail Adams

DAILY, AUGUST 19 – 23

"Washington's Washington" – Discover how a dismal swampy piece of lowland developed into the beautiful parkland which today includes the White House. *Programs at 10 a.m. and 12 noon.*

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

Join us as we celebrate the 87th birthday of the National Park Service!

DAILY, AUGUST 26 – 30

"Explore President's Park" – Take a walking tour with a Park Ranger and discover the many monuments and statues around President's Park. *Programs at 10 a.m. and 12 noon.*

SEPTEMBER

DAILY, SEPTEMBER 2 – 6

"Badge of Honor: the United States Park Police" – Join a Park Ranger and discuss the United States Park Police and their important role in the national parks in Washington, D.C., New York City and San Francisco. *Programs begin at 10 a.m. and 12 noon.*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Documentary Day – "Flying White House" – This film captures the history of the Presidential airplane, Air Force One. *Screening at 11:30 a.m.*

DAILY, SEPTEMBER 8, 9, 10, 12

"Give 'em Hell, Harry!" – Learn about a little known, but gutsy Vice President from Independence, Missouri, who unexpectedly became President on April 12, 1945. *Programs at 10 a.m. and 12 noon.*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Living History Program – "Young Thomas Jefferson" will appear at the Visitor Center on his way to greatness in American history. *Free presentations at 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.*



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

"Air Force One" – A 50-minute video documents the history of Presidential flight. *Screening at 1 p.m. Repeated on September 20.*

DAILY, SEPTEMBER 15 – 19

"Treasures of a White House Childhood" – Join a Park Ranger and discover what it may have been like growing up in the famous house on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. *Programs at 10 a.m. and 12 noon.*

DAILY, SEPTEMBER 22 – 25

"Presidential Assassination Attempts" – Join a Park Ranger and discover the aftermath of attacks on the lives of several Presidents. *Programs at 10 a.m. and 12 noon.*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

"The Most Demanding, Unpaid, Unelected Job in America" – Join a Park Ranger and learn about the changing role of the First Lady in the life of our nation. *Programs at 10 a.m. and 12 noon.*



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Your AMERICA

Programs may change due to reassignment of rangers to other duties that serve the National Park Service. Every effort is made to maintain the schedule as printed. Please contact the Visitor Center at (202) 208-1631 to confirm programs and dates. The Center is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, e-mail us at whho_presidents_park@nps.gov.

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